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Governor Doyle Announces Commemorative Quarter Design Candidates

((Madison) Governor Jim Doyle announced today the official design candidates for the Wisconsin State Quarter from the three themes that were sent to the U.S. Mint, by former Governor Scott McCallum.

"The variety of themes that the 23 member Commemorative Quarter Council recommended explicitly shows the unique character of our state," Governor Jim Doyle said. "I am honored to present the following designs that were created from those themes to represent Wisconsin," added Governor Doyle.

An earlier vote was held to choose the top three themes that best represent Wisconsin. Those three themes were sent to the U.S. Mint who then turned the project over to their engravers. The engravers worked with Wisconsin's ideas to create drawings that would work on the back of the quarter. The Citizen Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee and the U.S. Fine Arts Commission reviewed the drawings of the engravers. The Secretary of the Treasury then reviewed and gave his approval on the remaining coin designs. The final step is where we are at today, and that's for Wisconsin to choose one design to represent our state on the quarter.

The official design themes, which will be available for voting on the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) web site, are as follows:

- Scenic Wisconsin (add picture and maybe brief description)
- Agriculture, Barns and Dairy (add picture and maybe brief description)
- Early Exploration (add picture and maybe brief description)

"I am honored that the citizens of Wisconsin have the opportunity to be a part of history by choosing the design they feel best represents this state's history," said Governor Doyle.

The 50 State Quarters Program celebrates the history and heritage of the 50 United States in the order which they ratified the Constitution and joined the Union. Wisconsin will be the last quarter honored in 2004. It will follow the release of Michigan, Florida, Texas, and Iowa all to be released in 2004.

To find out more about the Wisconsin Commemorative Quarter project and to vote on what you believe best represents Wisconsin visit DFI's Website at www.wdfi.org.

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